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ANNUAL REPORT

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OF WALPOLE, N. H.,

WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL REPORT,

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REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY, 1869-70.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.:

PRINTED AT THE TIMES JOB OFFICE,
1870.

LIST OF TAX-PAYERS

IN THE TOWN OF WALPOLE,

With the Amount Paid by Each, not including
School District or Dog Tax.

Adams, Addison K	9 00	Bellows, Mrs. Mary	86 67
Adams, Dorr H	2 50	Bellows, Mrs. Mary Ann	95 16
Adams, Samuel	2 50	Benson, James, Estate	22 00
Aldrich, Benjamin F	22 50	Blake, George A	2 50
Aldrich, George	19 16	Blanchard, Willard T	8 80
Aldrich, Niles	2 50	Blanchard, Roswell S	32 76
Allen, Henry	34 00	Booth, Dolphus S	55 16
Allen, Henry S	7 00	Booth, Lucius P	99 06
Allen, Henry T	11 83	Bradford, Samuel W	14 16
Angier, George H	9 40	Britton, Major J	62 50
Allen, Stephen M	2 50	Brown, Charles H	3 50
Arnold, William, Jr.	91 76	Brown, Herod W	2 50
Aldrich, B. F. & Co.	58 33	Brown, Daniel N	7 86
Amadon, Elbridge	4 17	Brown, Benjamin F	2 50
Bates & Aldrich	108 33	Brown, John C	77 90
Burr, Eben	100 33	Buffum, David	134 16
Batchelder, Josiah W	29 53	Buffum, Thomas B	77 50
Ball, Levi	17 00	Buffum, William G	114 10
Ball, Harvey	15 83	Buffum, Mrs. Mary A	33 33
Ball, Harding,	42 83	Buffum, Joseph H	2 50
Ball, William	2 50	Blanchard, Mrs. Polly	14 83
Ball, Ransom L	5 84	Bundy, George	154 33
Bardwell, Otis	144 17	Bunker, Orrin	39 40
Bardwell, Thomas,	1 23	Bunting, John	19 16
Barker, Ephraim	13 76	Bunting, Joseph	2 50
Barker, Ephraim W.	3 17	Bunting, James	31 66
Barnett, John	43 50	Burt, Luther, Estate,	88 33
Barnett, G. Winslow	2 50	Burt, Henry,	58 13
Barnett, George G	2 50	Burt, Alfred W	66 66
Bates, Silas M	45 83	Burt, Alonzo	3 26
Beckwith, Alvin A	4 84	Bellows, Russell	2 50
Bellows, Thomas	286 10	Bellows, Edward	2 50
Bellows, Herbert A	102 50	Bingham, George L	2 50
Bellows, George W	7 50	Bond, Charles B	2 50

Bond, William A	2 50	Dinsmore, Stansbury	4 16
Bond, W A and C B	85 16	Dunshee, Mrs. Caroline	3 66
Benson, Willis E	2 50	Dodge, Gardner	68 80
Bardwell, Otis, Guar.	33 33	Dodge, Henry R	2 50
Burt, Mrs. Charlotte	5 76	Drew, Francis G	72 66
Baker, Eliza A	4 16	Drislane, James	7 83
Barnett, Harriett G	14 66	Drislane, Patrick	17 50
Buffum, & Watkins	72 26	Dunshee, Carlos E	43 26
Burnham, Jacob B	2 50	Dunshee, Allen	90 53
Bowin, Cornelius	2 50	Dunshee, Herbert A	2 50
Barrett, Anthony	2 50	Davis, John L	2 50
Barney, Benjamin C	2 50	Dennis, George,	4 66
Burt, Levi	22 33	Davis, Charles C	44 16
Carey, Stephen	10 16	Dorney, James	3 50
Carpenter, Albert	5 00	Dickerman, Lysander	10 83
Chappell, William,	20 60	Driscoll, John	2 50
Chapin, Levi	170 40	Driscoll, Bartholomew	6 67
Chandler, William T	2 50	Dwinnell, Alvin	2 50
Chandler James	16 16	Dwinnell, Benjamin H	55 46
Chickering, Lyman	10 76	Dwinnell, Orris W	91 06
Clark, Joshua B	30 00	Dwinnell, Silas O	2 50
Clark, Alpheus	61 16	Dwinnell, Fernando	2 50
Clark, Frank W	2 50	Davis, William	2 50
Cobb, Samuel D	14 66	Elliott, Moses	5 16
Cochran, Samuel	30 56	Emerson, John C.	59 47
Colburn, Wilson W	9 16	Emery, Edwin	2 50
Colburn, Albert,	7 50	Eaton, Perry A.	2 50
Comstock, Madison	2 50	Elphic, Peter	2 50
Comstock, James	46 73	Farr, Justin	44 90
Cowdery, George W	13 33	Farr, Foskate Est	13 33
Cass, Jonathan	3 50	Farnham, William Est	28
Cobb, Joseph, Estate	15 33	Farnsworth, John S	6 66
Copeland, Mrs. Sarah	5 73	Faulkner, Augustus	28 33
Cheshire Railroad,	165 00	Fay, Josiah B	43 63
Carroll, Patrick	6 50	Felch, Thomas F S	16 23
Cornelius, John	3 50	Fisher, Charles	43 33
Crain, Frederick	3 50	Fisher, Joseph	55 00
Cook, Lafayette	2 50	Fisher, Moses	52 63
Church, Cyrus	55 00	Fisher, Isaac	15 00
Converse, Gilman	12 83	Fisher, Andrew J	39 87
Collins, Daniel	2 50	Fifield, Joseph	2 50
Clay, Francis S	2 50	Fifield, Philander	2 50
Dwinnell Brooks,	2 50	Fletcher, Henry	26 03
Dunshee, Lewis, Estate	30 00	Fletcher, Curtis J	26 46
Daley, Michael	4 16	Foster, George H.	58 70
Davis, Isaiah	21 66	Foster, Caleb	88 83
Dickey, Clement S	89 20	Foster, Henry T	78 33
Dickey, Lewis	66 16	Fish, Edgar P	2 50

Foster, Mrs. Henry P.	23 33	Hall, Charles R	31 30
Faxton, Mrs. Mary D	55 00	Hall, Martin G	2 50
Flamery, Dennis	9 16	Hall, Levi A	2 50
Floid, Eliza	11 33	Hall, William	66 80
Foster, Harvey Est	19 66	Hall, Oliver	64 90
Gowing, Betsey M	6 66	Hall, Jacob F	5 83
Gowing, Calvin C	49 53	Hall, Gardner E	109 53
Gowing, Lucy	3 33	Hall, Warren	2 50
Gassett, George H	7 30	Holmes, Ira	12 40
Griswold & Lebouveau	57 53	Hayward, John W	110 50
Graves, Andrew A	3 00	Hayward, Waldo F	22 10
Gassett, Jonas	3 73	Hinds, Jarvis D	5 83
Gates, Benjamin	5 40	Hinds, Jarvis H	2 50
Gates, Charles	23 00	Hinds, Woodward	2 50
Gates, Andrew J	2 50	Hinds, Charles	2 50
Giles, Nehemiah Est	30 00	Hinds, Charles W	2 50
Grant, Benjamin B	83 33	Holland, Mrs Ephraim	70 73
Grant, George W	52 50	Holland, George B	4 16
Graves, Calvin	7 33	Holland Edward M	2 50
Graves, Calvin W	11 70	Holland, Leonard B	166 66
Graves, George W	61 93	Houghton, Mrs Phebe	31 67
Graves, George H	2 50	Houghton, Henry E	2 50
Graves, Charles H	88 50	Houghton, John L	37 46
Graves, Isaac M	42 06	Houghton, Charles W	49 76
Graves, Eli W	51 53	Hinkley, Seth	4 46
Graves, William C	12 60	Hitchcock, Henry A	34 67
Graves, Mary	6 66	Hooper, James	122 40
Graves, Rebecca	20 00	Hooper, Charles	144 46
Graves, Martha	3 33	Hooper, William	172 70
Graves, Alston S	2 50	Hooper, Warren E	2 50
Guild, William W	61 67	Hooper, John	72 46
Guild, Edwin	40 67	Hooper, Levi	5 95
Griswold, Henry W S	182 00	Hooper, Ira	2 50
Genzer, Loren	15 16	Hooper, George L	2 50
Griffin, Dennis	6 66	Hooper, Harriett	20 00
Gates, Nathan P	2 50	Hodgkins, A B Est	32 67
Holt, Lorenzo U	10 00	Hosmer, Edwin	44 33
Hibbard & Graves	114 13	Howland, A P Est	133 33
Hodgkins, Harriett	20 00	Hubbard, Samuel J	106 90
Hooper & Houghton	129 43	Hubbard, John L	2 50
Hooper & Proctor	226 73	Hubbard, Frederick J	20 83
Hooper Charles Guar-		Hearty, David	2 50
dian	8 33	Huntington, George	263 53
Hayward, Louisa	94 50	Hodgkins, John N	5 16
Hale, Moses J	3 33	Hodgkins, George H	2 50
Hale, Jacob W	3 33	Hodgkins, John E	2 50
Hall, Henry	38 90	Hodgkins, James C	2 50
Hall, Charles B	23 93	Holmes, James T	8 26

Hooper & Dailey	67 37	Leonard, Harrington	2 50
Hosmer & Raymond	71 83	Leonard, Lucy	39 43
Hoadley George W	2 50	Lovell, Willard A	23 33
Holden, George H	19 26	Lovejoy, John W	25 83
Hooper, James & Charles	6 60	Luce, Christian B	20 00
Hall, William J	11 66	Luce, Gustavus	2 50
Hall, Maria	1 67	Lyman, Levi	200 00
Holton, Mrs Eliza A	1 00	Lyman, Guardian	33 33
Hutchins, Albert	2 50	Lyman & Chickering	101 63
Jennings, Alonzo	68 50	Lyman & Holmes,	94 60
Jennings, George	38 20	Lyman, Corey	93 00
Jennings, Marcellus J	9 16	Lyman, Angier	81 80
Jennison, John	60 56	Lincoln, Alfred	2 50
Jennison, George R	101 13	Mason, Joseph	30 00
Jennison, John Jr	71 86	Mason, Holland	9 30
Jennison, David A	71 67	Mason William B	81 83
Jennison, Warren	2 50	Marsh, Edmund A	52 83
Jennison, Josiah H	21 30	March, John S	19 60
Johnson, Stephen S	42 90	Marsh, Farnham	59 10
Johnson & Gates	91 56	Marsh, Daniel	32 50
Johnson, Clinton H	2 50	Marshall, John W	41 83
Kendall, Charles W	5 83	Martin, Oliver	74 50
Kenric, Charles J	2 50	Martin, Samuel J	2 50
Keyes, Thomas N	62 30	Maynard, Misses	25 00
Kiniry, John	2 50	Maynard, Amherst K	47 50
Kiniry, Daniel	2 50	Maynard, William A	28 33
Kiniry, Bartholomew	6 67	Maynard, Augustus F	45 00
Kidder, Joseph	47 76	Maynard, Charles G	2 50
Kilburn, Frederick	77 50	Maynard, Mrs John P	13 33
Kingsbury, George D.	134 73	Mellish, Henry	24 33
Knapp, Francis B	158 26	Mellish George H	2 50
Knight, Josiah W	2 50	Mellish, Charles B	2 50
Knight, J William	52 50	Merriam, David	2 93
Knowlton, Elias W	40 16	Merriam, Elmon E	4 56
Knowlton, Luther D	45 83	Merriam Daniel Est	8 34
Kezer, Charles E	2 50	Merriam, Eliza	3 67
Kidder, Mrs Mary	51 50	Merriam, Ellery R	36 66
Kiniry, James	2 50	Mead, Walton Est	15 96
Keeler, George B	2 50	Mead, Anna	7 50
Lawrence, heirs	6 66	Miller, Addison	42 50
Lane, Carley	10 16	Monroe, Nathaniel	26 26
Lane, Clement G	2 50	Murry, Patrick	11 83
Lathrop, Hope	269 16	Moriarty, John H	26 86
Lawrence, Henry F	9 16	McDonald, Thomas	3 33
Learned, Samuel D	48 73	Maynard & Perry	8 34
Learned, Willard D	3 67	Mulligan, Barnard	2 50
Lebourveau Jerome	2 50	Minard, Mrs Mary	16 66
Leonard, Rufus	89 33	Meua, Faquer	27 50

Messer, Charles	2 50	Reading, John	5 83
Miller, Mrs Charles	33 33	Reynolds, Peter	19 53
Morse, Mrs Esther	50 00	Rice, Charles	7 80
Nourse, Isaac	8 34	Rollins, William	60 00
Nims, Albert T	14 16	Rollins, George H	3 16
Newton, Uriah	26 50	Ross, Daniel	23 00
Newton, Hubbard B	16 83	Ross, Martin A	2 50
Nichols, Mrs A P	16 67	Roy, Andrew	48 16
Nash, James P	16 26	Royce, Betsey, Estate,	10 66
O'Brine, Daniel	32 90	Royce, George	3 73
Perry, Louisa	1 66	Royce, Samuel	28 13
Parker, Leonard F	29 00	Royce, Nehemiah	41 26
Pech, Phillip	49 16	Royce, Cyrus	44 83
Pech, Thomas B	2 50	Royce, Cyrus, Jr.	2 50
Perry, Simeon N	50 83	Royce, Lafayette	2 50
Perry, Horace A	48 43	Royce, Benjamin B	2 50
Pierce, Thomas J	11 83	Rogers, Oscar W	2 50
Porter, George P	10 83	Russell, David	26 06
Pratt, Isaac P	20 40	Russell, Josiah Q	7 67
Pressy, Lorenzo D	34 93	Russell, John B	73 67
Proctor, Luther Est	25 00	Russell, George H	2 50
Proctor, Ebenezer	2 50	Russell, Charles M	73 70
Proctor, John E	2 50	Russell, John E	2 50
Punt, David	2 50	Rust, George	58 90
Putnam Henry E	15 83	Russell, D. Allen	2 50
Putney, Jonathan H	20 70	Richardson, A. Parker	28 33
Parsonage Unitarian	26 66	Russell & Smith,	57 90
Parsonage, St Peters	5 00	Reymond, George E	2 50
Parsonage, Christian	5 00	Reymond, George S	7 23
Putnam, Lucy B Est	8 33	Ryon, John	2 50
Perkins, Francis W	29 50	Reed, Henry	4 16
Plastridge, Joseph	2 50	Rogers, Nathaniel	3 50
Plastridge, Amasa	2 50	Richardson, Almena P	36 66
Pulsipher, Royal E	57 10	Smith, Betsey	7 50
Priest, Samuel	2 50	Smith, Joseph	6 00
Priest, Merrill	2 50	Sabin, George	36 10
Priest, Joseph	4 16	Scully, Thomas	2 50
Priest, George	2 50	Seabury, Edwin K	40 83
Pierce, Charles H	5 00	Schovill, William H	31 93
Pierce, John T	3 73	Schovill, Willis A	2 50
Parker, Emerson	2 50	Shaw Willard	36 93
Pratt, Isaiah, Estate	3 33	Sherman, William C	14 16
Quinton, Joshua C	28 53	Shipman, William C	10 83
Quinton, Mrs. Mehitabel,	27 66	Shnep, Joseph	7 50
Ramsey, William T	148 86	Smith, Esdras,	12 16
Rawson, Henry C	33 66	Sparhawk, Thomas C	7 50
Ray, George H	2 50	Sparhawk, George C	104 40
Reading, Jonathan	2 50	Sparhawk, Eliza P	123 83

Sparhawk, Mary	7 83	Watkins, Charles E	94 80
Spaulding, Benjamin P	95 76	Watkins, George	72 73
Stack, Michael	4 50	Watkins, Sherman	79 46
Starkweather, Otis L	2 50	Watkins, Hiram	22 73
Stearns, Curtis, Estate	25 00	Watkins, Henry J	96 20
Stevens, Gilbert T	77 83	Watkins, Frederick	28 13
Stowell, Israel	47 23	Watkins, Ephraim A	32 67
Stowell, Ebenezer E	33 50	Watkins, Moses Q	10 80
Stowell, Charles	3 50	Watkins, O. H. Perry	64 20
Slade, Stillman	21 03	Watkins, Alfred	50 03
Stewart, James	3 50	Woytkins, Hiram, M. D.	38 50
Seaver, Harriett S	23 33	Watkins, Leonard F	2 50
Sullivan Railroad	17 66	Watkins, Warren F	2 50
Smith, Moses E	2 50	Watkins, Mrs. Abigail	59 00
Stowell, James Estate	11 66	Wheeler, Abner, Estate	6 66
Spencer, George R	2 50	Webster, Eliphalet K	26 00
Smith, Edward E	3 00	Webster, Mark	2 50
Smith, Franklin A	2 50	Webster, Benjamin E	94 00
Smith, Albert	2 50	Webster, Edwin E	35 53
Staples, Henry M	2 50	Wellington, William	148 00
Smith, Nelson C	5 83	Wellington, Scott,	2 50
Stark, William	3 50	Whitney, Lewis F	18 03
Tahan, Thomas	7 50	Wilbur, Chandler	4 83
Taunt, Thomas	32 50	Wilson, George W	50 96
Taylor, Jotham E	2 50	Wilson, Henry R	7 90
Taggard, John W	76 93	Witt, Charles A	10 16
Thomas, Philip	2 50	Wier, Frederic	37 67
Thompson, David C	54 26	Wood, Amos	2 10
Thompson, Lewis	35 83	Wright, Moses	37 76
Thompson, Warren	20 56	Wright, David N	5 23
Tiffany, Stephen	46 00	Winchester, Levi F	2 50
Tiffany, S. Johnson	86 83	Wilder, Allen M	80 56
Titus, John G	4 16	Weaber, Andrew	6 50
Titus, Preston	6 33	Williams, Sophia and	
Titus, heirs	5 00	Eliza	16 67
Titus, Asa	10 83	Wier, Diantha	3 33
Thompson, Adaline	6 66	Walpole Bridge Co.	75 00
Tole, Matthew	14 43	Wells, Joseph, Estate	118 60
Tole, Charles W	9 73	Wilson, Mrs. Edna A	13 33
Towne, Salem	21 50	Warn, William	2 50
Towne, Haskal C	33 63	Webster, Benjamin E	
Tufts, Jonas	81 70	Guar.	10 00
Tuttle, Lewis J	5 33	Woodbury, George	2 50
Tuttle, Orelina	4 50	Wood & Hodgkins	56 43
Tuttle, Willard	19 93	Whitney, Mrs. Sarah	13 33
Vose, Frederick	160 83		
Vose, Frederick, Guar.	75 00		
Watkins, William	176 83		

 NON-RESIDENT TAX PAYERS AND TAXES.

Barnes, Emily R	10 00	Jefts, Mason	6 66
Angier, Silas	1 67	Bridgman, Jabez D	94 16
Faulkner & Colony	20 00	Hitchcock, Hiram	32 50
Elwell, Robert	5 00	Crane, Gilbert.	5 00
Olcott, Solon	103 00	Joslin, George	8 90
Millaken, James and John	3 33	Knapp, Frederic N	5 83
Robbins, Widow	5 00	Bellows, Henry W	84 23
Bellows Falls Bridge	150 00	Garity, Thomas	4 37
Williams, Calvin	2 50	Pease, Edward R	33 33
Daggett, Prentiss,	1 66	Hall, Calvin	11 66
Dinsmore, Thomas	25 00	Allen, Joseph	13 33
Porter, Charles E	11 87	Bellows, Henry N	58 33
Mitchell, James L	124 10	Griswold, Charles W	50 00
Wells, Edwin R	46 66	Hopkins, Zenas	13 33
Lane, Lewis	10 00	Fuller, Charles E	40 00
Hooper, Henry	12 16	Foster, Levi H	23 33
Mason, William P	289 90	Murdock, Ephraim, Jr.	16 66
Farr, Ira N	8 33	Michael, Sylvester A	20 00
Elwell, Henry	6 66	Smith, Warren H	67 50
Hall, Orrin	25 33	Chapin, Jonathan	33 33
Moore, Charles C	58 33	Rugg, Mrs. Hattie	10 00
Burt, J. H. & Co.	5 00	Fay, Mason	33 33
		Dickinson & Reed,	8 33

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF WALPOLE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870.

VALUATION OF TOWN FOR 1869.

No of polls 422, value,	\$63,300 00
Real estate, “	762,938 00
No of horses, 447, “	45,695 00
No of cattle, 1,192, “	64,029 00
No of sheep, 12,532, value,	34,124 00
No of swine, 174, “	2,591 00
“ dogs, 73 “	82 00
Carriages, “	2,500 00
Bank stock,	49,700 00
Money at interest,	86,104 00
Stock in trade,	19,500 00
Mills,	5,050 00
Toll bridge,	13,500 00
Total,	\$1,149,103 00

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 9th, 1869.

Highways, bridges and other current, and incidental expenses,	2,800 00
Repairs on Town house and building belfry,	800 00
Town library,	100 00
Schools,	3,000 00
Town debt,	3,000 00
Paupers,	1,500 00
To which add State tax,	4,860 00
" County tax,	2,355 92
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	18,415 92
Overlay,	675 43
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Amount raised on inventory,	\$19,091 35
Rate per cent., 1.66.	

TOWN OFFICERS AND ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES

Benjamin E. Webster, services as selectman,	194 00
Sherman Watkins, " "	157 50
Charles Fisher, " "	150 00
Ransom L Ball, " town clerk,	50 00
A Parker Richardson, " S S committee,	66 00
George Aldrich, " " "	60 00
George A Blake, " " "	44 00
B F Aldrich, " town treasurer,	10 00
Frederick Watkins, " collector,	75 00
Jarvis D Hinds, " police,	25 00

Samuel D Learned, services on tomb,	119 34
A N Swain, printing town reports,	50 50
Charles Fisher, labor and expense on town reports,	9 75
Oscar W Rogers, services as police,	17 00
A P Richardson, report of births and deaths,	3 25
George A Blake, " " "	2 75
B E Webster, cash paid for team work and use of team,	50 71
Sherman Watkins, " " "	38 65
Charles Fisher, " " "	20 00
H Sibley, special damages for insufficiency of highway,	45 00
H W Brown, printing and lettering guide boards,	15 00
Isaac Nourse, relaying wall at pound,	16 50
P Murray, labor on circus ground,	5 00
Cash paid for stationery,	3 11
H N Fletcher, special damage for insufficiency of highway,	7 00
D'Buffum, wood for town house,	6 09
O Martin, committee on tomb,	6 00
George H Tilden & Co, books and stationery,	29 37
Insurance on town house,	215 00
E Barker, wood for town,	2 00
J D Hinds, tolling bell and sawing wood,	5 50
B F Aldrich, sundries for town house,	26 38
A K Maynard, stove for town house,	18 00
B F Aldrich, paid for bond book,	25 00
" " " pasturage and collecting bank tax,	4 04
Total,	\$1,572 44

HIGHWAYS FOR 1868 AND 1869.

H C Towns,	\$48 25
Charles Gates,	19 00
James Chandler,	5 00
Geo W Wilson,	22 73
Isaac Pratt,	9 00
H C Towns,	20 25
S Slade,	14 50
Charles Fisher,	12 00
G W Wilson,	5 85
Harding Ball,	14 09
Israel Stowell,	43 75
Andrew Roy,	4 50
James Chandler,	5 00
J H Putney,	126 00
S Melish,	20 00
C. Fisher,	66
Eli W Graves,	5 00
I P Forristall,	71 93
Wm. G Buffum,	26 00
Orin Bunker,	3 50
Israel Stowell,	30 02
David Buffum,	31 00
Ephraim A Watkins,	2 00
Moses Elliot,	5 00
Gardner Dodge,	11 23
Andrew Roy,	4 00
W. W. Guild,	18 87
James Chandler,	29 00
C H Pierce,	10 00
Sherman Watkins,	22 82
Wm C Graves,	58 29
John S Walker,	375 00

C Fisher,	19 00
A P Howland, est	2 73
Hiram Hitchcock,	7 50
G R V Watts,	12 00
Geo. Jennings,	9 00
Geo Watkins,	32 50
Alonzo Jennings,	13 00
S Royce,	23 50
Leonard Watkins,	27 25
William Wellington,	11 50
B E Webster,	23 75
C E Dunshee,	1 00
Eben Burr,	8 59
William Arnold, Jr.	17 87
M Elliott,	11 00
John Jennison Jr.	6 89
T B Buffum,	1 80
Sherman Watkins,	13 50

Whole amount expended,	\$1296 62
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OCTOBER FRESHET.

C B Hall,	\$23 50
C B Hall,	32 06
L J Chickering,	21 00
C W Holton,	65 00
J E Hodgkins,	39 00
J L Houghton,	32 00
L Genzer,	12 00
Warren Thompson,	56 00
C Church,	65 44
E W Graves,	64 00
O H P Watkins,	50 00
C Fisher,	36 00
Sherman Watkins,	67 50
E E Murium,	171 63
A A Beckwith,	4 02
R S Blanchard,	23 00
John Hastings,	10 00
F Philips,	26 50
T N Keyes,	12 00
M Elliott,	43 43
J Lebourveau,	91 20
H C Towns,	42 00
J Moriarty,	107 50
I M Graves,	116 75
C E Porter,	27 00
Stilman Slade,	15 00
A J Chandler,	27 00
Patrick Carroll,	62 50
A Roy,	7 00
H & C J Fletcher,	172 21
Charles Rice,	90 00
J Comstock,	94 00
H M Elwell,	33 81
James Chandler,	80 04

J Fisher.	36 50
L Hooper,	12 75
L F Whitney,	16 25
I Pratt,	70 90
J T Holmes,	48 37
H T Allen,	9 00
C S Wakefield,	7 00
G H Angier,	18 68
S Correy,	16 00
F Watkins,	9 45
J W Batchelder,	52 50
Daniel OBrine,	11 50
D A Jennison,	18 00
George Watkins,	127 30
C H Graves,	113 60
I Stowell,	72 25
C B Hall,	13 00
Loren Genzer,	8 00
Thomas C Sparhawk,	26 50
John C Emerson,	44 00
Addison Miller,	40 00
Harrington Leonard,	62 76
G E Hall,	69 50
Alfred Watkins,	35 00
J H Jennison,	5 00
C H Graves,	27 00
Charles B Hall,	20 00
C Fisher,	15 00
B E Webster,	54 00
Eben Burr,	64 00
William Arnold Jr.	11 50
M Elliott,	14 50
George W Graves,	52 73
Total,	\$3022 63

COUNTY PAUPERS.

C B Lucke, Rail Road Fare,	\$3 20
Alpheus Clark,	130 00
A K Maynard,	11 85
Charles Fisher,	42 62
S Tiffany,	27 20
A P Richardson,	3 75
Cragin & Co.	83 75
James Dorney,	13 66
Arms & Wilson,	52 00
W H Porter,	6 00
H E Putnam,	39 00
Cyrus Royce,	9 00
H Lathrop,	42 50
C E Dunshee,	7 00
C Lane,	2 50
N Royce,	2 00
D Buffum,	14 30
T F S Felch,	16 50
George Dennis,	10 00
C C Davis,	37
E Barker,	7 87
A Clark,	25 00
C E Dunshee,	4 00
H A Hitchcock,	18 00
T B Buffum,	16 58
H A Ross,	3 38
Warren Thompson,	6 93
A K Maynard,	1 25
Total,	<hr/> \$600 21

TOWN PAUPERS.

George H Holden for Caleb Farnham,	\$18 95
Henry Hall " " "	34 46
T B Buffman " " "	38 74
J Farnham " " "	18 36
Warren Thompson " " "	3 00
A P Richardson " " "	17 25
R L Ball " " "	2 05
Sophia Gilbert " " "	21 00
C C Davis " " "	1 00
Samuel Cochran " " "	27 84
H A Hitchcock " " "	10 25
Eli W Graves " " "	11 54—204 44
Eliza A Holton for Mrs. J S Royce,	100 00
A P Richardson " " "	26 25—126 25
Alpheus Clark for John Bundy,	192 50
A K Maynard " " "	1 50
T B Buffam " " "	2 86
H A Ross " " "	1 77—198 63
State Asylum for R A Kenny,	113 15—113 15
R L Ball for Fred Bundy,	3 75
B F Aldrich " "	20 09—23 84
State Reform School for Mary A Murry	34 13—34 13
George G Barnett for Fred Schoville,	40 55
Town of Surry " " "	9 25—49 80
F A Wier for Charles Titus	159 02
T B Buffam " " "	13 85—172 87
Benjamin Gates for Mrs Snow	6 42
F D Reed for Mrs Hefflon	174 00
H A Hitchcock for Edna Eaton,	9 00
Total	1112 53

LAW SUIT.

Hope Lathrop	183 50
Wheeler & Faulkner,	100 00
Waldo F Hayward,	7 75
F Vose,	70 15
	361 40

Cash returned on the above by H Lathrop not used \$83 40

BUILDING BELFRY AND HANGING BELL.

J P Forristall,	22 19
E A Watkins,	91 97
Frederick Kilburn,	57 00
Patrick Murry,	5 00
C C Davis,	4 89
Joseph Smith,	8 22
T B Buffam,	5 03 — 194 30

REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL.

Thomas J Pierce,	25 63
C B Lucke,	5 50
William Warn,	30 00
J W Knight,	4 60 — 65 73

LIBRARY.

Amount for Books,	\$100 00
Jennie M. Ball, Librarian,	26 53
E A Watkins, building shelves,	9 18
William C Sherman, rent on room,	3 64
	—\$139 35

CEMETERY.

H A Hitchcock care of Cemetery,	\$20 00	
H A Hitchcock set glass in hearse,	1 25	
George Priest, work on Cemetery,	38 00	—\$59 25

RECEIVED FROM CEMETERY.

B P Spaulding for leaves,	\$7 00
J B Russell, for hay,	7 50
Mrs. Tenney lot in Cemetery,	15 00
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	\$29 50

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury Feb 27, 1869,	\$2,106 43
Taxes uncollected, " "	2,383 23
Taxes committed to collector,	19,985 24
Cash received on county pauper bill,	533 61
" railroad from State,	618 84
" savings banks from State,	115 05
" U S bounties, " "	55 80
" literary fund, " "	95 40
" highway bill,	8 00
" liquor agency,	226 34
" law suit expenses,	83 40
" interest for unpaid taxes,	81 03
" receipts from cemetery,	29 50
" from M A Wellington for wood,	16 36
" circuses,	60 00
" from town treasurer,	175 67
" loan on account of freshet,	3,000 00
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	\$29,573 90

EXPENDITURES.

Town officers and ordinary town charges,	\$1,572 44
“ paupers,	1,112 53
County “	600 21
Repairs of highways and bridges,	1,296 62
Abatement of taxes,	160 07
Building belfry and hanging bell,	194 30
Repairs on town house,	65 73
Expense and books for library,	139 35
Cemetery,	59 25
Law suits,	361 40
Interest paid on debt,	3,371 99
School orders,	2,943 36
“ special tax District 1,	700 00
“ “ “ 3,	40 00
“ “ “ 4,	50 00
Paid on town debt,	3,000 00
“ State tax,	4,860 00
“ county tax,	2,355 92
Cost of October freshet,	3,022 63
Taxes uncollected for 1868,	85 00
“ “ “ 1869,	3,845 50
Floating orders for 1868,	146 14
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	\$29,982 44
Less floating orders for 1869,	\$395 44
Discount on dog orders, &c.,	13 10—408 54
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	\$29,573 90

The undersigned auditors of the town of Walpole for the year ending March 1, 1870, having attended to our duties, find the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Overseers of the poor properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOSHUA B. CLARK,
GEO. HUNTINGTON,
JOHN W. HAYWARD.

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Town Bonds,	\$33000 00
Amount of Town Notes,	3000 00
Due Town Treasurer,	175 67—36175 67

UNPAID BILLS.

Estimated Town Officer's Bills,	600 00
Estimated other unpaid Bills,	500 00
Floating orders.	395 44
Interest on debt since Jan. 1,	350 00—1845 44
	<hr/> \$38021 11

ASSETS.

Taxes assessed 1868,	85 00
Taxes assessed 1869,	3845 50
Estimate due from County,	100 00—4030 50
Indebtedness of Town,	<hr/> \$33990 61

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1870.

Town Paupers,	1000 00
County Paupers,	200 00
Highways and bridges,	1500 00
Town Officers and contingent expenses,	1500 00
Interest on debt,	2260 00
Schools,	3000 00
State Tax,	4860 00
County Tax,	3141 23
Bonds due,	3000 00—\$20461 53

The appropriations made last year were below the expenditures. This arose from several unforeseen circumstances, among which was \$1,171,99 more interest due than estimated, many of the large notes having run several years without any endorsements, and in funding the debt it was necessary to pay the whole. Also the spring freshet and snow bills were larger than ordinarily accrue. About \$800 having been expended in District No. 2 and 12, occasioned by high water in Connecticut and Cold Rivers. There has always been quite a loss on County Paupers by the Commissioners not allowing our accounts, which has been obviated. But for some reason this is more than balanced by the increase in County Tax, so that the coming year our County expenditure will be more than formerly,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN E. WEBSTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
SHERMAN WATKINS,		<i>of</i>
CHARLES FISHER,		} <i>Walpole.</i>

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The whole amount of school money raised by the Town at its annual meeting was \$3000. District No. 1 raised the sum of \$500 for the support of the High School.

The number of pupils returned to the Selectmen was 504, affording an average of \$6 95 to each scholar.

The amount of money appropriated to each district is as follows:

Dist. No. 1,	\$1,232 13	Dist. No. 8,	\$110 71
“ “ 2,	260 28	“ “ 9,	200 00
“ “ 3,	214 29	“ “ 10,	189 29
“ “ 4,	243 86	“ “ 11,	142 85
“ “ 5,	117 86	“ “ 12,	214 30
“ “ 6,	128 57	“ “ 13,	164 28
“ “ 7,	125 00	“ “ 14,	153 50

The number of male teachers employed in the past year, is seven; the number of females is seventeen. Each district has had two terms, while several have had three.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—There have been three terms of school in this district, each having the same teacher. Miss ABBIE A. MONROE taught the Summer school successfully, to the entire satisfaction of every one. Finding by experience during this term that progress in teaching was slow and tedious, while that in love was rapid and delightful, she consented to surrender her maiden name, and being re-engaged as Mrs. Dennis, sustained her well-earned rep-

utation during the fall and winter terms. This is one of our largest schools and presents the hardest field for labor, to secure prompt and good average attendance. Reference to tables No. 1 and 2 will show that the teacher succeeded in securing more prompt attendance than we have ever been able to report before. Tardinesses during the three terms of school in 1868-69 numbered 38; this year, 50!

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Miss EMILY M. GREENE taught this school ten weeks between May 10th and July 7th. During the winter previous the school in this district was a failure. The scholars became demoralized and the school house was somewhat injured. Under such circumstances it would ordinarily be a difficult task to secure a successful school the following term, but Miss Greene is a teacher of large experience, and not unknown to the scholars in this district. Her success was equal, perhaps, to that attained in any of her previous schools.

During the winter term the school was under the charge of EDWARD S. BURROUGHS, a student of Dartmouth College. This was his first attempt to teach. He succeeded in winning the respect of his scholars. This school contrasted so favorably with that during the winter previous, and this being Mr. Burroughs' first experience as a teacher, we are persuaded not to criticise so closely as we might under other circumstances.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—There were two terms of school in this district besides a short select school supported by tuition.

The summer school was instructed by Miss MAGGIE G. FAWCETT, a member of the Normal school in Salem, Mass. The whole number of different scholars was twenty-eight, among which were five who were not absent one-half day, and there were only five instances of tardiness. The average attendance was twenty-one. Vocal music and gymnastics were practised. Map drawing was taught in a manner to interest and instruct the pupils. The teacher's success in this school and in District No. 8, suggested that she would be a desirable instructor for the Primary school in District No. 1, to which position she was afterwards invited.

The winter school was in charge of Mr. H. D. PIERCE, a member of Dartmouth College. Without having had the advantages of experience in teaching, he went manfully forward to his duties, performing each one as it presented, and finally had the sat-

isfaction of seeing his arduous efforts crowned with success. There was a class of large boys here, several of whom have been members of the High School. This class spent most of its time in the study of arithmetic, in which good proficiency was made. This school engaged earnestly in the spelling enthusiasm which prevailed in the town.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—There is not material enough in this district for a school, and attention is directed to our general remarks relative to small schools. Miss CLARA J. GRAVES had charge of it during the summer term when there were 7 scholars. During the winter Miss ALICE F. HINKLEY taught, when the whole number of scholars was 4. During the last eight days there was but *one* scholar. During the term 62 tardinesses were reported. Provided the scholars in other districts had been proportionately tardy, the number in District No. 4 would have been 434 instead of 10; in District No. 3, 310 instead of 47; in No. 2, 573 instead of 20; and in all the schools in town, 5,363 instead of 312. Whether it is a wise, prudent, profitable or economical expenditure of money to continue such a school, judge ye. What stimulus is there for the teacher to work save the stipulated compensation in prospect at the end of the term? What to stimulate the ambition of the pupils in the faithful discharge of duty? Nothing; and such a school must necessarily be dull, stale and unprofitable.

No. 6.—This district has again enjoyed the services of Miss MARY J. B. FAY, for the entire school year consisting of three terms of school. Her fidelity has been crowned with marked success.

At the close of the winter term, there were present a good number of parents and friends who evidently appreciated that much work had been well done. A class of four large boys in geography deserve special mention for their general understanding of the subject. At the closing exercises of the school a beautiful photographic album was presented to the teacher through one of the pupils, as a slight token of their respect.

No. 7.—Miss ALICE F. HINKLEY taught the school during the summer term. Reading and spelling were the principal branches requiring attention by the small pupils of this school.

The teacher deserves commendation for the tact and interest displayed in the performance of the duties of this school.

MR. S. J. HUBBARD, who had charge of this school one year ago, was again employed for the winter term. The average daily attendance was less than five. If any one looks for a display of much enthusiasm and brilliancy by any teacher with a school as small as this, or expects an elaborate report of the same, he must needs be disappointed.

No. 8.—The committee visited this school the twentieth day of May and found only three pupils out of five the whole number present. The teacher, MISS. HATTIE R. CARPENTER, was somewhat discouraged at the prospect before her. However at the end of four weeks, her anxieties were relieved by the prudential committee taking the responsibility of discharging her.

Miss Carpenter had taught two terms before in town acceptably, and it is presumed she would have been successful this term if she had been allowed to continue the school a sufficient length of time.

MISS MARY L. ALDRICH was employed to teach the fall term of twelve weeks. The prudential committee with commendable zeal, brought together from this and other districts, seventeen pupils, a large share not belonging to the district. The teacher resolved to make the school a good one, and did so, if the information obtained by the committee, from parents who patronized the school is true, and we have no reason to doubt it. But at the end of nine weeks, for want of a sufficient number of pupils to make the school interesting and profitable, (caused in part by the October freshet, as is alleged,) the school closed without an examination.

The prudential committee installed his son in the school for the winter term, not having been legally qualified. The result of the many irregularities practiced in this district the past year, is better known to those immediately concerned, than to the committee. But what is known to have been done, calls for unqualified animadversion; and if allowed to be repeated must tend to a condition, detrimental to the welfare of the district and town.

No. 9.—This school has been under the instruction of MISS JULIETTE CHAPPELL the past year. Miss Chappell has taught several terms in town, and has uniformly succeeded in getting

through with all her schools without any serious difficulty. Her school appeared very orderly at the close of the summer term and a fair degree of progress was made. About the same can be said of the winter school.

This school needs considerable urging in order to place the scholars on a footing with others of the same age and advantages in other districts. There is sufficient money expended in this district and the scholars have an average capacity to learn. Proper efforts on the part of all concerned, will make the school a good one.

No. 10.—The summer term was taught by Miss JOSEPHINE H. DICKEY, who has had more experience in teaching than most teachers in town. She sustained her former good reputation as far as known. The teachers in this district are generally well sustained by discriminating parents, if worthy, which has called forth the expression, "that the school would almost keep itself" but the winter school came near proving an exception to the above quotation.

Miss KATIE JOSLYN who had taught the year preceding in the same school, commenced and continued about four weeks, when on account of sickness as we are informed, she gave up the school.

After a vacation of two or three weeks, Mr. WALTER FROST, of Dublin took charge of the school. Mr. F. has had but little experience in teaching but it is hoped he will do well.

No. 11.—Was not fortunate this year in the selection of teachers. There was no summer school, but in the fall the services of Miss ELLA M. BREED of Alstead, were secured. Miss Breed had been through a course of study at Meriden, where she graduated. She came to the committee well recommended for mildness of disposition and scholarship.

The school was made up in part of scholars from other districts, somewhat advanced in their studies. At the commencement the school appeared well. Nearly one half of the scholars left before the close of the term, as the parents in many instances wanted their help, which had a deteriorating effect upon the school; but notwithstanding the school appeared tolerably well at the close.

For the winter term ALBERT E. FROST of Dartmouth College was hired. He was young and a tyro in the school room, but

bore a superior examination in all the branches taught in our common schools. He failed like many others in tact and a commanding influence over his pupils. The scholars left school one by one, till only three remained at the close on which account the school was not visited. The school was a failure.

NO. 12.—MISS JULIA H. WOOD was teacher for the summer term. At the commencement the school appeared fair; but at the close July first, there was but little to commend,—whispering seemed to be the rule rather than the exception,—order and proper discipline were wholly neglected,—recitations poor,—poor school.

MISS EMILIE M. GREEN taught the fall and winter terms.—The committee did not have the pleasure of witnessing the progress made the winter term; as the teacher was taken sick the day the school was to close; but from what is known of the teachers success heretofore, it is presumed she gave satisfaction to these closely interested in the school.

NO. 13.—Taught by MISS H. ELNORA LEACH of Westmoreland. There were no instances of tardiness indicated upon the register. The average attendance was nearly twelve, while the whole number was fifteen. The committee believe that this was a good school. Favorable reports reach us from the patrons of the school. Owing to the sickness of the teacher it closed sooner than was expected and without an examination.

MR. J. L. HOUGHTON, who has before been a successful teacher in this district, accepted the management of this school in the winter. Seventy-two tardy marks are found on the register, which large number is getting to be a rarity in this town. These were all against names found in two families of the district, living at a distance from the school-house. A class of eight or ten large pupils gave considerable character to the school, though it was not so far advanced as other classes in town. There was a small class in algebra. The examination of classes in grammar and arithmetic furnished evidence of faithful instruction. The school was of good length and well conducted.

NO. 14.—This is another of our small schools, $7\frac{1}{2}$ being the average attendance during the summer term, when MISS LOUISA BLANCHARD taught. Miss Blanchard with three months pre-

vious experience as a teacher, succeeded as well perhaps as could be expected in a school without scholars enough to occupy one's whole time. Some circumstances not entirely beyond her control served to make her task less pleasant to her, and her labors less profitable for the district, than they might otherwise have been. The school at its close gave evidence of fair improvement.

MISS M. ADDIE MORSE with 57 months previous experience as a faithful and successful teacher, taught twelve weeks during the winter. In her register under the head of "remarks by the Teacher" we noticed the pertinent question, "Why don't parents visit the school?"

GENERAL REMARKS.

Our schools the past year have not risen above an average in their progress; although many have been much above, still, so many have fallen below what they ought to have been, that the average has fallen below the standard so much to be desired.

It would be a very reasonable question to ask; What has been the cause of the failure? Was it because there was not sufficient money? Was it for the want of interest on the part of parents and committees? The answer is no!

There have been several causes combined, some of which are more palpable than others. One is a want of suitable adaptation of teacher to school, or in other words a want of "the right person in the right place."

To be more explicit, a teacher is approbated to teach one of our summer schools,—succeeds well,—and obtains a favorable report. Stimulated by success, and aspiring to a better or more remunerative field, without any higher attainments, an attempt is made in a winter school where there are unruly boys, and pupils more advanced, and the result is a failure. A consultation with the Supt. Committee in a measure remedy this evil.

Another cause of failure is the small number of pupils attending school in some of the districts. One stick of wood makes an

indifferent fire, two make a better one, and many send forth a glow and warmth sufficient to make all comfortable around.

So it is with schools. Where a few pupils attend there is no rivalry or emulation,—nothing attractive not even to stimulate the pupils on the play ground. A general dullness and indifference take strong hold of the teacher and the result is a poor school. On the other hand where there are some thirty-five or forty pupils in a school the teacher has something to do, and the minds of the pupils are enlivened by contact with each other, “like steel sharpening steel,” consequently the school is more interesting and profitable.

The number of scholars in town seems to grow less yearly. In some districts it appears almost a prodigal waste of money to have a school. Some little pains has been taken to ascertain the cost of schooling in some of the districts. Nos. 5, 8 and 7 are contrasted with Nos. 4 and 2. The first three are small schools, and the last two are about the right size for a teacher to instruct with success and profit. In No. 5 twelve scholars were returned and \$117.86 appropriated; making it cost about \$9.80 per scholar as returned, but the cost on the average yearly attendance is about \$23 per scholar, and the past winter it has cost \$26.50 on the average attendance nearly a rather expensive tuition. Nos. 8 and 7 the cost relatively has been about the same as in No. 5. In No. 4, there was appropriated \$214.29 and forty-seven scholars returned, making the cost per scholar \$4.56 as returned and \$9.00 on the average attendance. In district No. 2, there was \$264.28 appropriated and fifty-three scholars returned, making the cost per scholar about \$5.00 as returned and \$10.83 on the average attendance. There are other districts in town bearing a similar ratio.

It is submitted to those having children to educate, as well as tax payers, if the above showing is good economy? Could not some arrangement be made under existing laws, whereby more schooling could be had at a much less expense? A few suggestions are here made.

As has been said \$3000 is raised by the town for schooling purposes. After deducting \$700 which is expended in district No. 1 and allowing 10 per cent for fuel, there is left \$2080, to be equally divided between thirteen districts, which gives \$160 to each. The plan to divide the money *equally* is merely a *suggestion* which

need not prevent the present plan of dividing the money in town being continued.

Paying a female teacher seven dollars per week, nearly twenty-three weeks of schooling is had. By new districting the town and dispensing with four districts which should be done we should have nine out of the village, and the amount of money each district would equally draw would be \$231. The last sum expended as above would give thirty-three weeks of schooling against twenty-three as above shown.

Twelve weeks of summer school would cost \$84, leaving \$147, to be expended for winter, which sum ought to procure a first-class teacher. But every alternate year an amount of extra money is appropriated which would give probably two weeks more schooling to each district. Thus it is seen that on the one hand we should have nearly one half more schooling for the sum *now* expended and the same we now have for a much less sum.

In Massachusetts a few years since, in the thinly settled portions of that state, a similar state of things existed as now exists with us. The evil was so great, that at length the legislature came to the rescue, and passed a law, enabling any town by a major vote to abolish the district system, and of putting the whole business, of hiring teachers, appropriating money and directing where scholars should attend school, into the hands of a committee chosen by the town.

Most of the towns in the state adopted the law, not without some opposition however. But the plan worked so well, that two years ago, the legislature passed another law, compelling the few remaining towns to abolish the old district system in toto.

To some families the augmented distance from school might seem onerous, but in return for some extra exertion, they would have longer schools and better teachers. Other New England states are agitating this subject, and it is hoped some similar plan will be adopted in this state.

A portion of our teachers are not any too well qualified. To remedy this evil a "Normal School" is loudly called for in this state. Most of the Northern states have one or more such or their equivalents. The Old Granite State should wake from her slumbers to a new life in this matter. We cannot afford to wait long if we would have our children enjoy the same privileges which other states furnish.

The Walpole Common School Association has held five meetings the past winter four of which were held in the village, and one, each, in districts Nos. 4 and 14. They were generally well attended. Three free lectures were given; one by Rev. A. C. Hardy the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and one by Rev. Mr. Downs of Lebanon. A new feature was introduced at one of the meetings at the Town Hall, viz: an exercise in spelling. This awakened a lively interest throughout the town, and evening "spelling schools" were frequent in many districts. One of the best of the associations was held in district No. 4, where both parents and pupils aided in making the association one of interest and profit.

A spirited discussion was had on the following question viz: "What are the requisites necessary for the highest success in our common schools?" Teachers and citizens present participated in the debate. The same question was afterwards discussed in district No. 14. It is thought, by those interested in the cause of education, that these meetings do much good.

The Cheshire County Common School Association held its annual meeting in Walpole in October. The citizens of the town were more generous in their contributions in furnishing entertainment for those who came from abroad than they were in contributing to increase the size of the audience by adding their presence.

Conclusion: If the best directed efforts have not always proved successful, let us profit by our misfortune. As the world is moving in art, science and the accumulation of wealth, so must it move in the cause of common school education. What was thought progress thirty years ago is conservatism now. And today, if we do not make use of, and keep pace with, the improved methods of teaching, and to the best advantage expend our school money, or in other words, exchange conservatism for progress, we shall at no distant period, find ourselves far behind in a progressive age. It behooves us, then, to use every proffered advantage, keep a high aim in view, and press onward and upward till we obtain a satisfactory consummation in the noble cause of educating the youth.

A. P. RICHARDSON,	}	Town Superintending
GEORGE ALDRICH,		
GEORGE A. BLAKE,		
		School Committee.

Table No. 1.

SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS, 1869.

DISTRICTS,.....	2	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	12	13	14
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10	12	8	8	7	12	13	12	12	10	8	10	9	10	12
Wages of female teach'r per mo. in 'd'g b'd.,...	\$34	34	28	25	16	16	16	20	30	24	24	20	30	24	28	18	24
No. of scholars four years and upwards,.....	28	30	16	28	7	11	9	9	18	29	29	15	28	25	27	15	10
Average daily attendance,.....	21	20	14 ³³ ₅₀	21	7	9 ¹ ₃	8 ¹ ₁₂	7 ³ ₁₂	12 ¹ ₂	22 ¹ ₁₅	22 ¹ ₁₅	13 ¹ ₃	21 ¹ ₃	21 ¹ ₂	21 ¹ ₂	11 ³ ₁₈	7 ¹ ₂
No. of scholars between 4 and 16,.....	28	30	14	28	7	11	9	9	14	29	29	14	23	25	24	15	10
No. over 16,.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	3	0	0	0
No. of tardinesses,	20	10	10	10	5	4	0	87	5	12	0	10	55	10	0	0	5
No. not absent one-half day,.....	0	3	6	5	5	4	0	0	1	6	5	4	4	4	2	5	2
No. not tardy,	15	17	10	24	5	9	9	3	16	20	15	19	4	19	15	7	7
No. not absent or tardy,.....	1	3	6	5	5	5	4	0	1	3	5	5	3	1	1	5	1
No. of visits by Supt. S. committee,.....	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	5	1	2
No. of visits by Prudential committee,.....	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of visits by citizens and others,.....	6	0	32	37	11	19	11	15	10	41	10	12	16	30	8	6	6
Mo.s of school previously taught by teacher,	26	28	41 ¹ ₃	9	3	13 ¹ ₃	15 ¹ ₃	0	5	8	24	2	10	44 ¹ ₃	2	3	3

Table No. 2.

WINTER SCHOOLS, 1869-70.

DISTRICTS,.....	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Length of school in weeks,.....	10	12	12	14	12	8	12						12
Wages of male teacher per month including board,.....	44	44	40	20	22	30	34			32	38	40	30
Wages of female teacher per month including board,	\$34						28						14
Scholars four years of age and upwards,.....	37	20	37	4	14	9	23 $\frac{1}{2}$			14	27	22	14
Average daily attendance,.....	31 $\frac{8}{10}$	17 $\frac{7}{10}$	34	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$			9	23 $\frac{5}{8}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
No. of scholars between four and sixteen,.....	36	15	28	4	11	8	25			11	22	19	13
No. of scholars over sixteen,.....	1	5	9	0	3	1	3			3	5	3	1
No. of tardinesses,.....	20	47	35	62	13	22	30			22	8	72	0
No. not absent one-half day,.....	3	8	9	0	4	1	7			3	6	8	3
No. not tardy,.....	21	10	18	0	9	4	22			8	21	16	14
No. not absent or tardy,.....	3	3	6	0	4	1	5			2	6	7	3
No. of visits by Supt. school committee,.....	2	4	5	1	2	1	3			2	4	4	3
No. of visits by Prudential committee,.....	0	2	2	1	3	0	0			0	1	1	0
No. of visits by citizens,.....	4	51	56	4	16	14	17			217		24	2
Months of school previously taught by teacher,.....	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	3	17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	11			0	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	57

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 1.

The schools of this district have been unusually prosperous during the whole year. As shown by the accompanying table there have been three terms in both the Primary and Intermediate departments, and two terms in the High School. There has been no interruption in any of the schools from sickness or other cause. The usual promotion of classes from each lower department to the next higher, took place at the commencement of the fall terms.

The discipline of the schools has been in general of that mild yet firm character which commands at once the respect and obedience of the pupil. No pupil has been suspended or expelled. Corporal punishment has not been found requisite to any great extent.

One or two cases of truancy—unpleasant incidents as they occur, were dealt with at the time of their occurrence. Parents acted well their part when consulted on this subject by the teachers. Wayward youth must soon yield their points when parents and teachers work judiciously and harmoniously together.

While we admire the efforts oftentimes made by pupils to avoid marks of tardiness, and are proud of the small number occurring in Dist. No. 1, it is to be regretted that some are avoided at the expense of absent marks. It is more creditable that a pupil should enter the schoolroom when unavoidably late than to linger about the street and thus make himself an absentee.

In the examinations of the High school the classes demonstrated that they had understandingly gone over the topics presented to them, and were well prepared to apply principles to practice. A similar statement complimentary to both the other departments is likewise due.

Where all has been so acceptable in each of the eight terms of this district it would become monotonous and tedious to attempt to give the details. We therefore close this report with the hope that the same kind spirit of progress and prosperity, may continue to weigh over our schools.

A. P. RICHARDSON, } Supt. School Committee,
GEO. A. BLAKE, } of District No. 1.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS, ...1869...70.

SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS.

Districts.	Teachers.	Residence.	Teachers.	Residence.	Prudential Comm's.
High School.	Mr. Curtis R. Crowell,	Westminster, Vt.	Mrs. Curtis R. Crowell,	Westminster, Vt.	John W. Hayward,
Intermediate.	Miss Ella R. Ball,	Walpole, " N. H.			Edwin K. Seabury,
No. 1, Primary.	Miss Mary L. Aldrich,	Walpole, " "	Miss Mary P. Jeffs,	Langdon, N. H.	H. W. S. Griswold,
Intermediate.	Miss Mary P. Jeffs,	Langdon, " "	Miss Maggie Fawcett,	Surry, " "	
Primary.	Miss Maggie Fawcett,	Surry, " "	Mrs. Abbie A. Dennis,	Walpole, " "	
No. 2,	{ Mrs. Abbie A. Munroe,	Marlow, " "			Geo. Dennis.
No. 3,	Miss Emilie M. Green,	Walpole, " "	Mr. Edward S. Burroughs,	Dart. College,	Geo. Jennings,
No. 4,	Miss Maggie Fawcett,	Alstead, " "	Mr. Henry D. Pierce,	" "	Hiram Watkins,
No. 5,	Miss Clara J. Graves,	Surry, " "	Miss Alice F. Hinkley,	Walpole, N. H.	Eli W. Graves,
No. 6,	Miss Mary J. B. Fay,	Walpole, " "	Miss Mary J. B. Fay,	" "	Edwin E. Webster.
No. 6,	Miss Mary J. B. Fay,	Walpole, " "	Miss Mary J. B. Fay,	" "	Isaac Pratt.
No. 7,	Miss Alice F. Hinkley,	" "	Mr. Samuel E. Hubbard,	" "	W. H. Scovill.
No. 8,	Miss Mary L. Aldrich,	" "		" "	Geo. Watkins.
No. 9,	Miss Juliette Chappell,	" "	Miss Juliette Chappell,	" "	Henry T. Foster.
No. 10,	Miss Josephine H. Dickey,	" "	Miss Katie Joslyn and Walter Frost,	Surry & Dublin,	Ira Holmes.
No. 11,	Miss Ella M. Breed,	Alstead, " "	Mr. Albert E. Frost,	Dart. College.	Joseph Fisher,
No. 12,	Miss Julia H. Wood,	" "	Miss Emilie M. Green,	Alstead, N. H.	
No. 12,	Miss Emilie M. Green,	" "			
No. 13,	Miss H. Elanora Leach.	Westmoreland,	Mr. John L. Houghton,	Walpole, N. H.	Harding Ball,
No. 14,	Miss Louisa M. Blanchard,	Walpole, N. H.	Miss M. Addie Morse,	Alstead, N. H.	Henry E. Houghton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TOWN LIBRARY, 1869.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report as to the present condition of the Town Library. Miss Louisa Pierce has had charge of it as librarian since the resignation of Miss Ball in May last.

Number of books added during the year, 226, of which 48 were purchased, 84 presented by proprietors of the Agricultural Library, 33 presented by the Walpole Book Club, and 61 by friends,—32 of which were valuable Foreign Reviews and magazines, presented by A. H. Bellows, Esq. Whole number of books now in the library, 1,488. Number of books taken out since our last report, 3,418, being an increase over last year of 470, and more than double the circulation of the most popular libraries in the country. This is a matter of congratulation to the town. It is evidence that the library is fully appreciated, and affords good reason why the usual yearly appropriation should be made for its steady increase.

The thanks of the Town are due to those friends who have presented books to the library. Books having a permanent value will always find a welcome place on the shelves of our library.

During the year a catalogue has been printed by private beneficence at an expense of \$65. An important event in the history of the library, showing, as it does, what books there are, and enabling every one to select what they want in a more understanding manner. It is proposed to issue supplements to the catalogue as books are from time to time added to the library. Sale of the catalogues will furnish funds sufficient to meet this expense.

THOMAS B. PECK, } Committee on the
FREDERICK VOSE, }
GEORGE A. BLAKE, } Town Library.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Balance on hand March 1, 1869,		\$1 00
Appropriated by the Town Mar. 1869,		100 00
Sale of book case,		5 00
Fines collected,		7 16
		<u>\$113 16</u>
Paid express on books;	3 25	
“ stationery,	3 10	
“ paper for covering books,	4 20	
“ printing extract from by-laws,	1 50	
“ whitewashing library room,	75	
“ binding and repairing 77 vols.,	26 29	
“ new books, 48 vols.,	70 56	109 65
		<u>\$3 51</u>
Balance on hand March 1, 1870,		

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